

HOUSE BILL No. 1111

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: None (noncode).

Synopsis: Mentally ill prisoners. Requires the department of correction to: (1) prepare a study to accurately determine the number of offenders with a mental illness and the types of treatment provided for offenders with a mental illness who are placed at state correctional facilities, and develop a plan based on the study; (2) apply for and obtain accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) for the mental health facilities the department operates; and (3) provide progress reports to the Indiana commission on mental health. Appropriates money to the department of correction to contract for an actuarial study and hire additional staff for the Westville Correctional Facility psychiatric unit. (The introduced
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Effective: July 1, 1999.

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January 6, 1999, read first time and referred to Committee on Ways and Means.



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version of this bill was prepared by the Indiana Commission on Mental Health.)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning human services and to make an appropriation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999] (a) As used in this
2 SECTION, "commission" refers to the Indiana commission on
3 mental health (P.L. 37-1998, SECTION 3).

4 (b) As used in this SECTION, "department" refers to the
5 department of correction.

6 (c) Before July 1, 2000, the department shall do the following:

7 (1) Contract for a professionally designed actuarial study to
8 accurately quantify:

9 (A) the number of offenders with a mental illness;

10 (B) the number of offenders with an addictions problem;
11 and

12 (C) the strengths and weaknesses of the various types of
13 treatment being provided to offenders with a mental
14 illness;

15 who are placed at state correctional facilities. Preference in



1 awarding the contract shall be given to an organization with
2 experience in conducting an actuarial study in state
3 institutions.

4 (2) Develop a plan, based on the study conducted under
5 subdivision (1), for providing mental illness treatment
6 programs in all facilities that house mentally ill offenders.

7 (3) If the department determines that the Westville
8 Correctional Facility psychiatric unit will provide mental
9 health services after July 1, 2001, remodel the Westville
10 Correctional Facility psychiatric unit, including providing
11 adequate ventilation.

12 (4) Hire additional full-time staff for psychiatric services to
13 work at the Westville Correctional Facility psychiatric unit.

14 (d) Before July 1, 2001, the department shall submit an
15 application for accreditation to the Joint Commission on
16 Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) for the
17 mental health facilities the department operates at:

18 (1) the New Castle Correctional Facility; and

19 (2) any other facility or unit of a facility that is designated to
20 provide inpatient mental health services.

21 (e) Before July 1, 2002, the department must obtain
22 accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of
23 Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) for the mental health facilities
24 the department operates at:

25 (1) the New Castle Correctional Facility; and

26 (2) any other facility or unit of a facility that is designated to
27 provide inpatient mental health services.

28 (f) As directed by the chairman of the commission, the
29 department shall report to the commission on the following:

30 (1) Results of the study of offenders with a mental illness who
31 are placed at state correctional facilities. The department
32 shall be prepared to present its first report to the commission
33 on this topic on July 1, 2000.

34 (2) Progress in developing an appropriate program for
35 treating mentally ill offenders. The department shall be
36 prepared to present its first report to the commission on this
37 topic on September 1, 2000.

38 (3) Progress of the planned psychiatric hospital at the New
39 Castle Correctional Facility. The department shall be
40 prepared to present its first report to the commission on this
41 topic on August 1, 1999.

42 (4) Progress on receiving accreditation for department

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1 facilities that house mentally ill offenders. The department
 2 shall be prepared to present its first report to the commission
 3 on this topic on July 1, 2001.

4 (5) Any other topic concerning the treatment of mentally ill
 5 offenders requested by the chairman of the commission.

6 (g) This SECTION expires January 1, 2002.

7 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999] (a) There is
 8 appropriated to the department of correction from the state
 9 general fund eighty-six thousand five hundred dollars (\$86,500) for
 10 the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2000,
 11 and ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000) for the fiscal year beginning
 12 July 1, 2000, and ending June 30, 2001, for personal services to hire
 13 the additional full-time staff for psychiatric services to work at the
 14 Westville Correctional Facility psychiatric unit.

15 (b) This SECTION expires July 1, 2001.

16 SECTION 3. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1999] (a) There is
 17 appropriated to the department of correction from the state
 18 general fund three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$350,000) for
 19 the fiscal years beginning July 1, 1999, and ending June 30, 2001,
 20 to contract for a professionally designed actuarial study to
 21 accurately quantify:

- 22 (1) the number of offenders with a mental illness;
- 23 (2) the number of offenders with a chronic addictions
- 24 problem; and
- 25 (3) the strengths and weaknesses of the various types of
- 26 treatment being provided to offenders with a mental illness or
- 27 an addiction;

28 who are placed at state correctional facilities.

29 (b) Money not expended under this SECTION does not revert
 30 to the state general fund until July 1, 2001.

31 (c) This SECTION expires July 1, 2001.

